

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. ~~(currently amended) Arrangement for a locking mechanism for a binder, which comprises a locking rail that is detachably interconnectable with a number of hooks, which rail is capable of displacement by means of a manually actuated, spring-operated locking button, characterized in that the locking button is executed in such a way that it performs both a spring function and a guiding function for the axially mobile locking rail and is detachably attachable to the locking rail at its one end~~ A locking mechanism for selectively locking a binder in various positions between fully folded and closed to fully unfolded and opened, comprising; an axially movable locking rail, a plurality of locking rail hooks, said locking rail being detachably interconnectable with said locking rail hooks, a locking button, said locking button having a spring/strap element and a push button element, said locking button being connectable with said locking rail, wherein a downward force exerted on said push button element extends said spring/strap element, thereby exerting an axial force on said locking rail, urging said locking rail axially toward said push button, allowing locking of the binder in a first position, and removal of a downward force on said push button allows said spring element to exert an axial force on said locking rail, urging said locking rail axially away from said push button, allowing locking of the binder in a second position.
2. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the locking button exhibits a spring and a push-button at mutually opposite ends.
3. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the locking button is formed by a single common part.
4. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 3, wherein the locking button consists of a plastic material.
5. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the spring is in the form of a bow-shaped hook with a curved end.
6. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 5, wherein the spring starts from a thickened part, which forms a pivoting articulation for the locking button in the locking rail.

7. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 6, wherein the pivoting articulation extends perpendicularly outwards from a laterally situated end wall in the locking button.
8. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 7, wherein a bow-shaped accommodating part (17) extends along the pivoting articulation (14) for the accommodation of a hook-shaped end part (18) by the locking rail (5).
9. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 2, wherein the back of the binder exhibits a cavity to accommodate the locking rail and the locking button with its spring therein, whereby the finger-operated push-button of the locking button is capable of being accommodated by its pivoting articulation part in an axially open part of the cavity, and the spring makes contact with its end part against a pointed part in the back of the binder.
10. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 6, wherein the locking button exhibits a pointed part, which is so arranged as to interact with an angled part of the cavity in the back of the binder to enable a support to be formed for the locking button that is capable of pivotal actuation.
11. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 3, wherein the spring is in the form of a bow-shaped hook with a curved end.
12. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 4, wherein the spring is in the form of a bow-shaped hook with a curved end.
13. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 11, wherein the spring starts from a thickened part, which forms a pivoting articulation for the locking button in the locking rail.
14. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 12, wherein the spring starts from a thickened part, which forms a pivoting articulation for the locking button in the locking rail.
15. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 13, wherein the pivoting articulation extends perpendicularly outwards from a laterally situated end wall in the locking button.

16. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 14, wherein the pivoting articulation extends perpendicularly outwards from a laterally situated end wall in the locking button.

17. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 15, wherein a bow-shaped accommodating part extends along the pivoting articulation for the accommodation of a hook-shaped end part by the locking rail.

18. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 16, wherein a bow-shaped accommodating part extends along the pivoting articulation for the accommodation of a hook-shaped end part by the locking rail.

19. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 15, wherein the back of the binder exhibits a cavity to accommodate the locking rail and the locking button with its spring therein, whereby the finger-operated push-button of the locking button is capable of being accommodated by its pivoting articulation part in an axially open part of the cavity, and the spring makes contact with its end part against a pointed part in the back of the binder the locking button exhibits a pointed part, which is so arranged as to interact with an angled part of the cavity in the back of the binder to enable a support to be formed for the locking button that is capable of pivotal actuation.

20. (Previously presented) Arrangement in accordance with Claim 16, wherein the back of the binder exhibits a cavity to accommodate the locking rail and the locking button with its spring therein, whereby the finger-operated push-button of the locking button is capable of being accommodated by its pivoting articulation part in an axially open part of the cavity, and the spring makes contact with its end part against a pointed part in the back of the binder the locking button exhibits a pointed part, which is so arranged as to interact with an angled part of the cavity in the back of the binder to enable a support to be formed for the locking button that is capable of pivotal actuation.